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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MFUME).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 3, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable KWEISI MFUME to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, our God, You are our refuge and our shield, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. And yet, day after day, we lean on our own understanding to sort out the confusion of our lives and the uncertainty that attempts to overwhelm us.

Sustain us, O God, according to Your promise, that we would know how You would have us live into this turmoil. In You, may we find our purpose.

O Lord, our God, You are our refuge and our shield, our help in ages past, and our hope for years to come. But today, we stand rattled by the upheaval of things believed in, time invested, sacrifices made. Nothing seems trustworthy, years seem wasted, losses in vain.

Sustain us, O God, according to Your promise, that we would know how You would have us live into this grief. In You may we find our purpose.

O Lord, our God, You are our refuge and our shield, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Lift up our eyes to Your saving power. Transform our vain efforts into building blocks for

change. Uphold us in our weakness that our frailty would reveal Your mercy.

Sustain us, O God, according to Your promise, that we would know how You would have us live into Your strength. In You may we find our purpose.

O Lord, our God, our refuge, our shield, our help, our hope, sustain us that in You we will live and find our purpose.

We offer these prayers in Your most gracious name.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, August 31, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on August 31, 2021, at 10:53 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without an amendment H.R. 5085.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

GLORIA J. LETT,  
Deputy Clerk.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore RASKIN on Tuesday, August 31, 2021:

H.R. 5085, to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to provide authority for increased payments for temporary assistance to United States citizens returned from foreign countries, and for other purposes.

### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Gloria J. Lett, Deputy Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. RASKIN, on Tuesday, August 31, 2021:

H.R. 5085. An act to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to provide authority for increased payments for temporary assistance to United States citizens returned from foreign countries, and for other purposes.

### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on August 20, 2021, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 1448. To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy, and to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide service dogs to veterans with mental illnesses who do not have mobility impairments.

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, further reported that on August

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24, 2021, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 3642. To award a Congressional gold medal to the 369th Infantry Regiment, commonly known as the "Harlem Hellfighters", in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service during World War I.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2098. A letter from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting the 2020 Annual Report of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, pursuant to Sec. 5.64 of the Farm Credit Act of 1971; to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-2099. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Francis M. Beaudette, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2100. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John K. Love, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2101. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Brian D. Beaudreault, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2102. A letter from the Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's 107th Annual Report covering operations for calendar year 2020; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2103. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a letter informing Congress that the Treasury will suspend the sale of State and Local Government Series securities at 12 p.m. on July 30, 2021 until the debt limit is suspended or raised; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2104. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a Seven-Day-After report for the Emergency Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 117-31), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 901(a)(7)(B); Public Law 99-177, Sec.

251(a)(7)(B) (as amended by Public Law 114-113, Sec. 1003); (129 Stat. 3035); to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2105. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a report containing information on the centralized suspicious orders reporting database established under Sec. 312 of the Controlled Substances Act, pursuant to Public Law 115-271, Sec. 3292(c)(2); (132 Stat. 3957); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2106. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the second report to Congress on the National Agriculture and Food Defense Strategy, as mandated in the Food and Drug Administration's Food Safety Modernization Act of 2011, Public Law 111-353; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2107. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2108. A letter from the Solicitor, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting a notification of a nomination, an action on nomination and discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-2109. A letter from the Librarian of Congress, Library of Congress, transmitting the Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress for FY 2020; to the Committee on House Administration.

EC-2110. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's report on Payments in Lieu of Taxes for Fiscal Year 2021; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-2111. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a proposal to update the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. 1030, to add penalties for the crime of conspiracy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2112. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a legislative proposal for Congress' consideration to mitigate cybercrime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2113. A letter from the Administrator, FEMA, transmitting a report advising that the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3560-EM in the State of Florida has exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193(b)(3), pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193(b)(3); Public Law 93-288, Sec. 503(b)(3) (as amended by Public Law 100-707, Sec. 107(a)); (102 Stat. 4707); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2114. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's legislative proposal, Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2115. A letter from the Component Regulatory Coordinator, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards: Technical Amendments [Docket No.: CISA-2021-0007] received August 17, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110

Stat. 868); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

EC-2116. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a legislative proposal "To repeal section 3516(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, and for other purposes."; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. AUCHINCLOSS (for himself, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. WALTZ, and Ms. MENG):

H.R. 5148. A bill to establish the United States-Israel Artificial Intelligence Center to improve artificial intelligence research and development cooperation; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BERA (for himself, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. MULLIN):

H.R. 5149. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the designation of general surgery shortage areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Ms. BASS):

H.R. 5150. A bill to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Oversight and Reform, Education and Labor, Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, Armed Services, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mr. CRIST):

H.R. 5151. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code to provide for the transfer of entitlement to educational assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of Department of Veterans Affairs when an eligible individual dies after approval of transfer and before transferring all of the individual's entitlement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 5152. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a phaseout of the investment income excise tax for certain private colleges and universities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BROWN:

H.R. 5153. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish cadre of software development and acquisition experts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 5154. A bill to prohibit commercial DNA testing services from disclosing the genetic information of United States nationals to foreign entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. CHU:

H.R. 5155. A bill to provide for a temporary safe harbor for certain failures by individuals to pay estimated income tax; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. CLARKE of New York:

H.R. 5156. A bill to promote the use of smart technologies and systems in communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.